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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

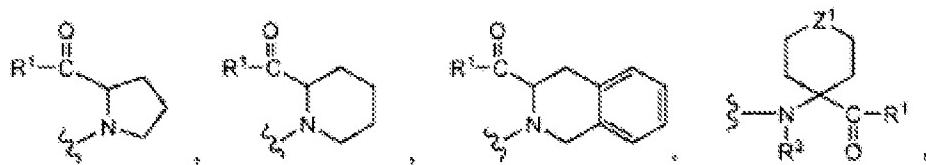
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Election/Restrictions

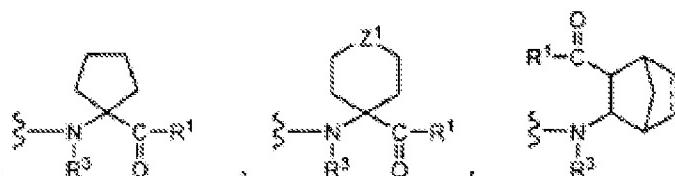
1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1 through 9, 12 through 14, and 17 drawn to compounds of formula (I), wherein W represents the groups below, Z¹ is NH, and R⁴

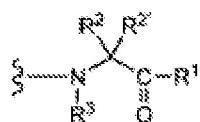


through R⁶ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in class 548 and various subclasses.

- II. Claims 1 through 9, 12 through 14 and 17 drawn to compounds of formula (I), wherein W represents the groups below, Z¹ is CH₂, and R⁴ through R⁶ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses.



- III. Claims 1 through 9, 12 through 14 and 17 drawn to compounds of formula (I), wherein W represents the groups below, Z¹ is O or S, and R⁴ through R⁶ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses. Selection of this Invention will result in additional restriction of species.



- IV. Claim 10 drawn to compounds of formula (II-A), wherein X is –CH=CH– and Z is CH=CH– and R⁸ through R¹⁰ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses.
- V. Claim 10 drawn to compounds of formula (II-A), wherein X is S and Z is CH=CH–, and R⁸ through R¹⁰ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses.
- VI. Claim 10 drawn to compounds of formula (II-A), wherein X is –CH=CH– and Z is S, and R⁸ through R¹⁰ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses.
- VII. Claim 10 drawn to compounds of formula (II-A), wherein X is S and Z is S, and R⁸ through R¹⁰ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in class 549 and various subclasses.
- VIII. Claim 11 drawn to compounds of formula (II-B), wherein X is –CH=CH– and R⁸, R⁹, R²⁰, and R²¹ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in various classes and various subclasses.
- IX. Claim 11 drawn to compounds of formula (II-B), wherein X is S and Z is S, and R⁸, R⁹, R²⁰, and R²¹ carry the limitations recited in claim 1, and are classified in class 549 and various subclasses.
- X. Claims 15 and 16 drawn to the use of a compound of formula (I) and method of treating a disease caused by or related to metalloproteinase in a mammal, classified in class 514 and various subclasses.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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2. Inventions I through IX are directed to related compounds. The related inventions are distinct if: (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP § 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions are different chemical species and therefore have materially different designs. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

3. Inventions I through IX compared to Invention X are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case other MMP inhibitors are known (e.g. peptide-hydroxamate or tetracycline) .

4. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

- (a) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification;
- (b) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter;

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- (c) the inventions require a different field of search (for example, searching different classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries);
- (d) the prior art applicable to one invention would not likely be applicable to another invention;
- (e) the inventions are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected invention.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is

the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David E. Gallis whose telephone number is 571-272-9068. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-1600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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